

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2481–S2509

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3756–3770, and S. Res. 582–588. **Pages S2503–04**

Measures Passed:

Michael P. DiSilvestro Retirement: Senate agreed to S. Res. 582, designating Michael P. DiSilvestro as Director Emeritus of Senate Security of the United States Senate. **Page S2483**

Honoring the life and achievements of former United States Senator Thomas Allen Coburn: Senate agreed to S. Res. 583, honoring the life and achievements of former United States Senator Thomas Allen Coburn and expressing condolences to the family of Thomas Allen Coburn on his passing. **Pages S2497–98**

Committee membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 584, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S2508**

Silver Star Banner Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 585, expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2020, as "Silver Star Banner Day". **Page S2508**

National Public Works Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 586, designating the week of May 17 through May 23, 2020, as "National Public Works Week". **Page S2508**

DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 587, expressing support for the designation of May 17, 2020, as "DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day" to raise awareness of and encourage research on diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma tumors and pediatric cancers in general. **Page S2508**

ALS Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 588, designating May 2020 as "ALS Awareness Month". **Page S2508**

Manasco, Heil, and Badalamenti Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was

reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the votes on the motions to invoke cloture with respect to the nominations of Anna M. Manasco, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, and John F. Heil III, to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, occur at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., respectively, on Wednesday, May 20, 2020; that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, if cloture is invoked on the nominations, the votes on confirmation of the nominations occur at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., respectively, on Wednesday, May 20, 2020; provided further that following disposition of the nomination of John F. Heil III, the motion to invoke cloture ripen with respect to the nomination of John Leonard Badalamenti, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida; and that if any of the nominations are confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table. **Page S2500**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Anna M. Manasco, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. **Pages S2508–09**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 74 yeas 20 nays (Vote No. EX. 94), Scott H. Rash, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. **Pages S2485–92**

By 49 yeas 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 96), James E. Trainor III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2023. **Pages S2493–97, S2498–S2500**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 95), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2493**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Louis W. Bremer, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Edward A. Burrier, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

Melanie Harris Higgins, of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi.

Jeanne Marie Maloney, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Jonathan Pratt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

James Broward Story, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Michael W. Hail, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2023.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Kenneth Charles Canterbury, Jr., of South Carolina, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, which was sent to the Senate on February 12, 2020.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—96)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory

of the late Senator Thomas Allen Coburn, in accordance with S. Res. 583, at 5:27 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2508–09.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kenneth J. Braithwaite, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of the Navy, James H. Anderson, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Victor G. Mercado, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, and 2,647 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

CARES ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the quarterly CARES Act report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury; and Jerome H. Powell, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Beth Harwell, of Tennessee, and Brian Noland, of Tennessee, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Katherine A. Crytzer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General of the Tennessee Valley Authority, after the nominees, who were introduced by Senators Alexander and Blackburn, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of John L. Ratcliffe, of Texas, to be Director of National Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 6918–6956; and 1 resolution, H.Res. 972 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Oath of Office—Twenty-Fifth Congressional District of California: Representative-elect Mike Garcia